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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Document AA and AC were cited in the German Office Action dated October 29, 2007. A copy of the Office Action is also attached.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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